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Book Sale Success

By TED PIERCE

Greenfield Community College held its annual book sale October 27 and 28, grossing \$428.80 for used books and \$14.15 for the sale of Greenfield Community College cookbooks.

Betty Turner wishes to thank students, faculty spouses, staff and community friends who worked at the sale and also donated and bought books.

Special thanks is expressed to the people who helped make this sale work: John Markwell and his crew for lugging books, Pete Carignan for sorting, Bob Merrian and Bill Hubbard for obtaining large donations of books, Barbara Meader and Arthur Shaw for publicity, the AAUW Greenfield Chapter for donated books, and also Merryl Sackin and Luella McLaughlin who helped line up workers.

Methane Gas Discussion Scheduled

By JOHN ROLLISON

A discussion of methane gas as an alternative energy resource, will be held on Wednesday November 17 at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., in N403.

Les Auerbach, who teaches a class in the construction of home based methane generating units at UMass., will speak, as some have described, "in simple, easy to comprehend terms."

Energy being the expensive commodity it is, both environmentally and financially presents contemporary man with a present and future problem as scary as The Bomb.

Auerbach will demonstrate that methane gas, which can be produced from many household and farm wastes, is an ecologically sound addition to the growing list of alternatives to the fossil and nuclear fuels presently used in energy production. Not only can it be produced cheaply but it burns cleanly and the leftover waste materials become usable organic fertilizer in the process.

Right On Profile!

By ROBIN FELLOWS

There has been much publicity on the national TV networks' traditional practice of talent stealing. ABC recently captured the renowned Barbara Walters from NBC by offering her the succulent bait of a million dollars a year for five years and further back in time the infamous Jack Palance was snatched away in the bowstring twang of CBS opportunism. The looting has been

Drama Club To Present Eliot Play

T.S. Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral will be presented by the Greenfield Community College drama club on December 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 at St. James' Episcopal Church, President Lewis O. Turner announced today.

The play will be directed by Prof. George Johnston, the college's drama instructor and theater director.

The play is about Thomas A. Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and English martyr and saint. Born in 1118, Becket became clerk to Theobald, primate of the English Church; he was ordained a deacon in 1154 and became chancellor to Henry II. Becket quickly became Henry's crony as well as his counsellor.

In 1162 Henry appointed Becket Archbishop of Canterbury to succeed the deceased Theobald. A dispute between king and bishop over secular and ecclesiastical jurisdiction eroded the relationship between Becket and Henry to the point where Becket fled to France.

During his absence, the Archbishop of York crowned the English heir apparent; returning, Becket excommunicated the bishops who had participated in the crowning because they had usurped the prerogatives of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This act provoked the king and on December 29, 1170 four knights entered Canterbury Cathedral and murdered Becket while he was attending vespers.

Written in 1935, Murder in the Cathedral is the work of a convinced and committed Christian. Eliot was a devoted and active Anglo-Catholic and it is therefore highly appropriate that the Greenfield Community College production of the play should be staged in St. James Church.

In Eliot's play, Becket is a hero of Christian conscience and individual liberty. It is a play for these times. Eliot's point of view may be summarized in these lines from Essays Ancient and Modern, written in 1933:

"The conception of individual liberty . . . must be based on the unique importance of every single soul, the knowledge that every man is ultimately responsible for his own salvation or damnation, and the consequent obligation of society to allow every individual the opportunity to develop his full humanity. But unless this humanity is considered always in relation to God, we may expect to find an excessive love of created beings, in other words humanitarianism, leading to a genuine oppression of human beings in what is conceived by other human beings to be their interest."

Murder in the Cathedral is an intense and emotional play written in verse by one of the greatest of modern English poets. It is full of high drama and

S.A.F. Examined, Explained

By CARLO GANGALES

Aspects of the student activities fee (S.A.F.) and the proposed College Drive sidewalk were topics that Dean of Administration, Robert W. Gailey, discussed at a meeting with the student Senate, on October 26.

President of the Student Senate, Chris Bond, presided. Henry Boucher, GCC Comptroller, sat in to answer technical questions. It was the first meeting that the new student representatives, Mark Morrison, Burt Long, Steve Buzozoski, and Vice-President Bunnie Vaughn, attended.

Discussion of the pedestrian and cyclists' sidewalk, which I like to call the Dreamway, was approached from two angles: cost and need. Dean Gailey said that preliminary cost estimates would be solicited from at least two construction firms. Since then, Mackin Construction Company has submitted an estimate of \$20,000 for a black top sidewalk and an \$18,000 estimate for an oil and stone sidewalk. Both estimates are much higher than expected, further reducing the feasibility of construction. Regardless of cost, the estimate does give advocates of the project a positive figure to work towards reducing, either by getting lower bids or using internal resources at the college — which has been considered.

However, all this planning and speculation may be in vain. With an abundance of worthy projects to be completed, all of which need money, the Dreamway may never be built unless a definite

need is established. Questions of who should make this determination are still to be decided. At present, avoidance is the major thrust behind getting the Dreamway built. That is, avoid the million dollar lawsuit that goes along with the million to one chance of someone getting hit while walking along College Drive.

Dean Gailey then explained certain questionable aspects of the student activities fees, (see Sept. 24 issue of the Forum). Prior to school, \$40 non-refundable are collected from each student and placed under the authority of President Turner. He dictates the spending of what comes to approximately \$40,000. Traditionally, he gives 85 per cent to the Senate to budget. This percentage is considered high in comparison to other community colleges. Fifteen per cent is kept under the direct control of the President to facilitate varied and various functions and serves as an emergency monetary reserve to student groups.

A bone of contention in the past between administration and students has been the spending of the fifteen per cent. The Massachusetts Board of Regional Colleges policy handbook says that "mutual agreement" in spending should exist between students and the President. Bear in mind, that by law the president may retain all of the S.A.F. Wording in the handbook is loose on this point, where agreement should be reached on an item by item spending basis or by

package approval. That is, either the president does as he wishes with the fifteen per cent, or consults with students on allocation of funds. As it looks now, the package system is going to prevail.

It was also brought to the attention of the Senate that the nonrefundable S.A.F. policy, which acts as an indicator of student enrollment and provides the Senate with approximately \$4,000 in activities fees, may be changed to constitute a partial payment of tuition. This means that the monies of students who fail to appear in school, will become locked in State coffers, where their destinies are not guaranteed to be in the educational system. That sounds like something to write your legislators about.

The remainder of the talk concerned certain salaries being paid by student activities. It was reported that the salary of our full-time nurse is now being paid for by the State. Student activities pays the salary of a part-time nurse and doctor, a valuable and needed resource at the school. Other Community Colleges are committed to pay the salaries of various staff members at costs above \$15,000. However, we as students could put pressure on our legislators to have the State assume funding of these positions.

Overall, the meeting was informative and relevant to everyone present, especially the new senate members who have started to get a taste of student activity proceedings.

Trust Funds Give Flexibility

By TOM HARDING

Questions about the financial administration of the College Store and the cafeteria have been raised by students recently and answered by Dean of Administration Robert W. Gailey.

According to Gailey, both are being financed through the Greenfield Community College Trust Fund. The fund is authorized by the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges and is self-sustaining.

Any profit made in the operation of these services goes back into the Trust Fund. Both the College Store and the cafeteria are under Auxiliary Services which is headed by Jack Evans. Also included in Auxiliary Services are the Day Care Center, the vending machines, the copying service.

The Day Care Center will run on an anticipated budget of \$90,000 this year. From this, \$64,000 will go for salaries, \$2,200 for supplies, \$1,800 towards equipment, \$3,700 for travel, \$13,000 for the use of the building, and \$5,800 for administration. The center runs on a non-profit basis.

The cafeteria is run by Grace Foods of Springfield. Grace took over after a \$9,000 loss forced the former company to ask the College for a guaranteed profit. The profit could not be assured and the service was put out for bid. The cafeteria will also run on

a budget of \$90,000. Most of this will go toward the food cost of \$40,500. The labor cost is \$30,900 which leaves a profit margin of \$18,600. However the College must then pay for medical insurance, supplies, phone, and accounting fees, adding up to \$8,600 and cutting the profit to \$10,000. This is cut again by \$5,000 for a management fee paid directly to Grace Foods. The final profit of \$5,000 is then put back into the fund.

The vending and copy services make about \$1,500 and \$200 respectively. The College Store will operate on a budget of \$210,000 this year. After books have been paid for, \$50,000 is left. Salaries, insurance, and various other expenses cut this to \$20,000. This amount is put into the Trust Fund along with the other profits.

Once it is seen how much money is involved, it is easy to conjure ways in which the money might be spent to help the various groups on campus. The expenses shown here only scratch the surface of the total expenses of the College, and, although the College also receives money from the state and federal sources, the money may fall short from time to time. When this happens, some of the money from the trust fund is used to make ends meet. At times the trust fund money may also be a little short in the

operation of the store or cafeteria. Other funds are then used to help out these needs. It is this reciprocating action that helps the financial part of the College run a little more smoothly.

AFROTC Seeking Members

The Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst has begun accepting applications for its two-year commissioning program.

This program prepares young men and women for commissions as Second Lieutenants and subsequent employment in a wide variety of managerial and technical career areas in the United States Air Force. This program is especially geared to community college seniors majoring in computer science, mathematics, nursing, business, engineering, and communications fields who plan to transfer to UMass-Amherst next Fall (September 1977).

Students majoring in the above-listed fields may apply for

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The Referendum Questions

Ironically, though there seemed to be an atmosphere of apathy about this year's elections, many people showed up at the polls last Tuesday. One explanation for the relatively high voter turnout, in Massachusetts is that people here had the chance to decide on a variety of issues through referendum questions. It appears people are not really so apathetic about issues, though they may lack interest in candidates.

Mistrust in government and those who run it is a common topic these days. Candidates can promise all sorts of things but the voter must wait a long time to see if campaign rhetoric will ever evolve into decisive action. Too often has a hungry-for-change public seen its patience and trust with officials reap undesired results.

Referendum questions provide the frustrated voter with a seemingly more effective tool for change. Mr. or Ms. can vote on an issue today and know satisfaction or disappointment the following day.

I wasn't at all happy with the results of the referendum, but the thought came to me later that it probably cost certain interest groups a great deal more to sway the voters at large on the issues than it might have to purchase a government official. And further that as time passes, people will, through use of this very good tool, learn to use it more intelligently.

— John Rollinson



The Gen. Hap Adams Scholarship has been awarded this year to Marge Davenport. The scholarship is awarded annually by Col. and Mrs. Carroll E. Adams of Charlemont in honor of their son, Gen. Hap Adams, who was killed in Vietnam. The scholarship is presented to the student who most typifies the character and ideals of their son.

Play

suspense which will be heightened by the setting of St. James Church.

The cast includes:

Thomas A. Becket, Morris Chasse; First Knight-Tempter, Susan Jarek; Second Knight-Tempter, Tom Evans; Third Knight-Tempter, Michael Meinh; Fourth Knight-Tempter, Lee Ora Goodwin; First Priest, John Haigis; Second Priest, Jim London; Third Priest, Michael Jalbert; Men and Women of Canterbury: Jane Bean, Kristi Bodin, Don Campbell, Kathy King, Wendy Light, Diane Olivier, Rosemary Sheehan, and Marty Tirrell.

Assistant Director is Denise Bastien; Production Coordinator is Debbie Becker.

Tickets will be \$2.00 and may be purchased in the Greenfield Community College Student Activities Office (774-3131, extension 261). Curtain goes up at 8:00 p.m.

Toilet Words

By TED PIERCE

Did you ever have to go to the bathroom in a public place? It can be quiet an experience.

It seems that once you're in there, and things start rolling, somebody comes in whistling and then stops once they feel your presence. What I do, is I lift my feet above the bottom of the door and remain perfectly quiet. When I'm feeling silly, I just pretend to be a plumber fixing the pipes. If they realize that I'm there for other than business, I simply flush and say, "That ought to hold!"

If you enjoy the larger community stalls, as I call them, you find yourself part of a unit with a single cause. The atmosphere there is much better than the solo performance stalls.

I, however, feel embarrassed and shy when it comes to really belting out a good Loudon Wainwright song or a quick moving Steve Goodman song. Something inside me says "no, you'll only make a fool out of yourself, and they'll never allow you in here again."

I have found whistling, however, to be a widely accepted mode of self expression. The acoustics really bring out a good sound when my notes hit and bounce around the tile and porcelain.

When people start opening up and start singing together, there is really going to be some good sound going around.

With a blend of different voices and musical abilities, mens and womens rest rooms could be the meeting place of some really beautiful happenings, that is if everyone knows the words.

Food Stamp Recipients

Decline

On both the federal and the regional levels, participation in the Food Stamp Program has declined, at the federal, 8 per cent, and the regional, 7 per cent.

It is estimated that two important factors in this downward trend could be an improvement in the employment picture, and some increasing activity to remove those from the program who have not revealed correct or complete information on their income and resources (over-participation or possible fraud).

The Food Stamp case load in Western Mass. peaked out at 28,000 in March. Since then, although there are 7 per cent less in the program now, net, the number of cases closed has increased by 23 per cent. The status of the Food Stamp situation remains the same. Congress did not act on legislation pending before the House. The administration's proposals are tied up in court.

Meanwhile, new procedures have been issued by the Department's central office which establishes better guidelines for the processing of Over-participation, possible fraud, etc. Food Stamp cases under review for the above could recover hundreds of dollars.

More and more it becomes obvious, according to official sources, that the needy are being helped, and those that should not have been recipients in the first place, are being closed or are voluntarily or otherwise withdrawing from the Food Stamp Program. Food Stamp bonus coupons, that is, the Federal expenditure for same, has decreased by approximately 2.5 million dollars per year, in our Four Western Mass. counties.

Rec. Students

Demonstrate

Camping Basics

By SANDI LASTOWSKI

The basics of camping was the topic for a demonstration held recently at the Turners Falls Community Center. The demonstration was conducted by Recreation Leadership students at Greenfield Community College as part of their Outdoor Education field work experience. The demonstration consisted of lectures on the following camping subjects: backpacks; clothing and boots; the dangers of hypothermia; sleeping bags and tents; building fires and cooking with stoves.

Bertha Petruski began the 2-hour program by talking about the different types and parts of backpacks, including what to look for when purchasing one. Bertha also demonstrated how to pack a backpack with the heaviest weight on top and keeping the uncomfortable objects away from your back. She then went further to show how to put a pack on and take it off the correct way and what a leader would probably be carrying in his/her pack.

Sandi Lastowski gave the next talk on clothing and boots. Sandi covered the various types of clothing recommended for backpacking, stressing the importance of the "layer theory"; wearing several layers of clothing instead of one thick layer so that clothing may be removed or added as needed. Also, the importance of wearing a hat for complete body warmth and having two pairs of socks to avoid unnecessary chafing and blisters. Types of boots, boot care, and foot care were all briefly included in the talk.

Following this, Dave Kelliher gave a short talk on hypothermia to further stress why the proper clothing and boots are so important. Many people are not aware of hypothermia which is a condition that occurs when a person becomes too cold and the body cannot generate enough heat to keep it at a normal body temperature. Dave explained prevention of hypothermia as well as symptoms and treatment of it.

The subject of the demonstration was presented by Nina Paterno. Nina explained the different types of sleeping bags and their construction. She discussed the advantages and disadvantages of down-filled bags as opposed to the man-made fillers. She also included sleeping pads in this talk, explaining the two main types of construction which are open or closed cell. In relation to getting protection while asleep; Nina also talked about different tents and demonstrated how to put them up.

The final demonstration was given by Phil Bibbeau on the building of fires and cooking with stoves. Phil showed a couple of different ways to start a fire according to what you were going to use the fire for — cooking, warmth, or a "friendship fire."

Phil also demonstrated two different types of stoves showing how to use them, clean, and store them. He also gave an example of a menu consisting of nutritious yet lightweight foods and their containers. "Think light" was an important factor when planning a menu for a backpacking trip.

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Enliven Party

By SUSAN L. RYAN

If you happened to be at the Greenfield Girls' Club on Friday night, October 29, you would have found yourself bobbing for apples, pushing pumpkins along the floor with your nose, listening to spooky tales with the lights out, watching movies and enjoying refreshments as Recreation Leadership interns from Greenfield Community College staged a Halloween party for members aged 10-12. The students conducting activities were Laura Campbell, Heather Goode, Donna Small and Sue Ryan.

Getting wet was fun as the girls bobbed for apples which floated in a small swimming pool. Relay races and circle games were played using real pumpkins instead of balls and a tape recording of groans, shrieks, and howls played in the background to set the mood. The girls' handmade decorations and imaginative costumes added much to the festive Halloween atmosphere and a good time was had by all.

Rec Students

Lead Trek Up Monadnock

By NINA PATERNO

Precipitous rain and cold winds could not discourage determined backpackers attempting to climb Mt. Monadnock on an overcast brisk Sunday morning.

GCC Recreation majors, Sandi Lastowski, Dave Kelliher and Nina Paterno, conducted one-half day hike emphasizing the challenge and stress involved with backpacking and climbing.

Seven students from Turners Falls High School attended the program well equipped and curious to what adventure the day would hold. The group departed from Greenfield at 9:00 arriving in Monadnock, New Hampshire at 10:30, and began the long trek up the hour long trail accompanied by small flurries.

Nearing the timberline, ice and snow encased rocks did their best to defeat the often stumbling group as they climbed the second most climbed mountain in New England.

Upon reaching the summit, a small blizzard was brewing added with an accumulation of one quarter inch of snow. The temperature read a chilling 29 degrees and people crouched behind large boulders to avoid the full impact of the wind and snow. They refueled themselves with nuts and raisins and with safety precautions taken, everyone returned to the base.

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going on for quite a while and the students of Greenfield Community College are not exempt from these actions.

It is rumored that our very own Profile Crew has been offered a twenty million dollar contract by one of the top TV networks, who at this time prefers to remain anonymous until negotiations are completed.

The directors of television services and communications are reported to be in an extreme state of paranoia. At mid-semester, how do you produce a local cablevision program, minus your entire production crew? The national networks will have to wait their turns if Bob Tracy has anything to say about it.

Profile reflects the spirit and the life of our community; it is finding its voice and has a lot to say. The opportunities that this program affords, should be realized. It is a medium of educational and occupies a position of positive influence in developing community awareness. It generates the enthusiasm of those who make this program possible. It is the culmination of the ideas of people and the pooling of their energies in affecting significant communications.

Students who produce Profile do not claim to be professionals but some are inevitably predestined to fill the bill. They work within the context of their experience and are doing quite well for young producers.

The versatile and imaginative trio of Tom Viens, Sadaka Burns and Roberta Warriner, has made the scene with man on the street interviews. Dana Robinson and Dan Shumway have been sitting high in a cumulus nimbo since covering the exhilarating sport of

skydiving. The ingenious video crafts of Jeff Krasner, coupled with Bob Roy's technical wizardry, multiplied by Jeff Berdsey's bewitching creativity puts a magical edge on productions.

A dash of Ed Rawling's quick witted comedy or a pinch of the macabre talents of Brian O'Conner — all together it is accurate to say that Profile, has the ingredients needed for a fine production. Dave Hayes, knows the ins and outs of the Profile circuit and in the center of the studio is our very own Univac, Professor Robert Tracy.

Profile has many new surprises in the can. Be watching for its impromptu acts, local talents and items of valid information. If you visit the students information center on Mondays and Tuesdays, you'll come away with the rallying cry, "Right on Profile." And it's right on your television sets also; Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Channel 6.

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AFROTC

scholarship assistance, which will pay tuition costs, laboratory fees, book expenses, and will additionally provide the student with a tax-free stipend of \$100 per month. Major Richardson will be at Greenfield Community College on 19 November at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the AFROTC program with interested students.

True, we are living in an age of division, a time of contradictions and uncertainties, but the challenge is the challenge to defy the walls that separate us. At our disposal is the interplay of the ideas of people, the gathering up of our resources which will persevere; the combination of both will sustain the human effort.

Robin Fellows

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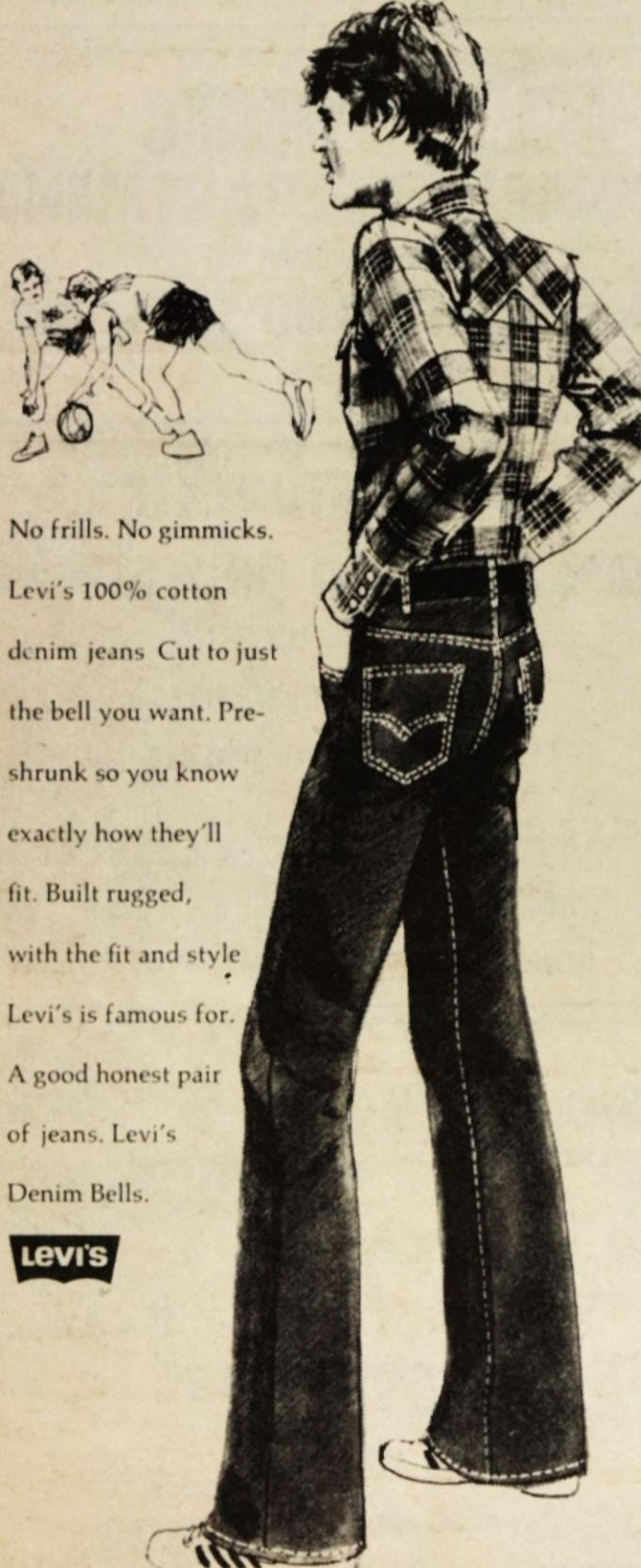
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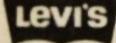
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Fight Night December 10

By CARLO GONZALES

Friday night, 10 December, the action will be in the cafeteria.

Jointly, our toboggan and boxing clubs are promoting what

is going to be one of the highlights of this college year. The event is a gala extravaganza of physical contact: boxing, karate, beer, the opposite sex, and much more that is yet to be confirmed and will come as a surprise when it is.

events. Contestants will be matched according to proficiency and weight. So says Dave Johnson, sponsor of the toboggan club, who also knows that Fight Night is going to be an overwhelming success. In both the boxing and Karate events trophies will be awarded.

Dave Johnson, who is into boxing and tobogganing, says the main event of the night — (get this) — will be a five-round, full-contact, to the knockout, karate style contest. It is something that has never been seen before in Franklin County.

It sounds, to me, that seven-thirty in the cafeteria is the place to be on December 10. Pop corn, beer and peanuts can be bought on the site; the fun and good times costs two dollars in advance and two-fifty at the door. But, don't count on getting one at the door. Tickets are going fast and there is only a limited number available.

Escaped Girl Tells Of Horrors

Looking to make sure she was, Janet Finneman stopped to catch her wind. "I got away, they were chasing me!"

"What's wrong?" demanded a concerned passerby.

"They wouldn't let me to" she replied, "but not really, it was sort of game," explained the young sociology student who had been placed in a seclusion area by two guards, both also participants in the sociology seminar conducted by Dianne Straum and Greg Vourous last Thursday the social sciences FSM.

The two sociology teachers designed the mock institution to demonstrate, in a two-hour session, how institutions define and often limit the choices people have, can be full of red tape, dehumanizing, inefficient, and just plain frustrating.

Students from several sections were asked to attend one of the two sessions held on consecutive days in which, according to age, they were designated students (each with an ID tag having a two letter code by which that person had to be called), teachers, administrators, and guards. In "classes" students were given very short periods of time to read and absorb complicated material and then even less time to be tested by teachers who prepared and corrected tests. Failure, whether due to student or teacher mistakes, resulted in remaining in the same class. Rules of behavior: No smoking (although teachers and guards could), no moving about or leaving without authority), and no roudy behavior. All added to pressures and flagrant misconduct and was punished as was the case with Ms. Finneman or JF by removal to a seclusion area.

While two hours is a short period of time in comparison to the years, even lifetimes, we all spend involved with institutions, some like Ms. Finneman and even those who did not choose to rebel got a different and perhaps better view of what institutions can be.

Rec Students Solve Night Problem

By PHILIP BIBEAU

Recently a group of teenagers from Threshold Inc. of Northampton had a chance to experience the challenge of the night. They were part of a 24 hour experience being run by the Outdoor Education students in the Recreation Leadership Program at Greenfield Community College.

The group began hiking at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, with the objective to hike throughout the night without using flashlights. And were to be at a predetermined location by Saturday noon. Along the way the group had a chance to become more familiar with several constellations and some of the local history of the area. They were also faced with a variety of fun and exciting problems which they as a group had to solve. The rest periods came in the form of two, one hour cat naps.

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